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Neighbourhood Plan News – Care 2 Petition

The Care 2 Petition

An online petition is currently running which, among other things, seeks to prevent housing in North Bradley and aims to protect wildlife. The Parish Council do not oppose any democratic process and are sympathetic to these aims; however, residents should be aware that the petition contains some errors and omissions.

The Petition Says	The Parish Council Says
<i>'our Parish Council are offering to allow developers to build mixed housing in the village fields on Park Farm (behind Orchard Way)'.</i>	No. The plan-making team have listened to local objections and has now dropped the Park Farm site from the latest draft of the Plan. The proposed development at Organpool Farm has also been rejected.
<i>Objects to site at Elm Grove Farm</i>	This is a strategic site and the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. The Neighbourhood Plan is not legally able to prevent this.
<i>Proposes 'brownfield' development at White Horse Business Park</i>	The revised Neighbourhood Plan now supports this. While it is important to retain some local employment space, we agree that redundant buildings are a good location for future housing.
<i>Raises concerns over wildlife</i>	The Neighbourhood Plan creates for the first time a large 'no-building' Gap between North Bradley and Trowbridge, preventing the two from ever coalescing. Additionally, it contains a policy specifically protecting local bats, and also accepts a site layout on the Strategic site H 2.2 (Land off WHBP) which moves the housing away from North Bradley and creates a wildlife corridor based on the advice of a qualified Ecologist. Good for us; great for birds and animals.
<i>Asks that the Parish Council oppose any new housing on green fields</i>	A Neighbourhood Plan cannot impose a blanket ban on all building. However, the North Bradley Plan does give real legal protection to large areas of green fields and wildlife habitat for the first time.

Finally, some Good News about the North Bradley Neighbourhood Plan.

- The Neighbourhood Plan is the best tool in the community toolbox to control development / protect wildlife because it has legal force.
- The Neighbourhood Plan has absorbed all the comments made in the recent 'Regulation 14' consultation and has undergone significant changes as a result. It is democratic and genuinely community based.
- The Key policy of creating a Landscape Gap; protecting green fields and permanently separating North Bradley from Trowbridge remains, as do specific policies protecting Local Green Spaces and wildlife.
- The proposed housing site at Park Farm has been dropped as a result of the community's opposition.
- The only housing now remaining in the Neighbourhood Plan is a small development off Woodmarsh, which is needed in order to create a balanced strategy that will enable the Plan to pass. It provides the small amount of housing that North Bradley needs.
- The Neighbourhood Plan is undergoing some technical checks by Wiltshire Council but will be formally submitted very soon. There will then be a further, and final consultation period. Then follows a legal Examination of the Plan, followed by a Referendum. The Plan will not come into effect unless the community votes for it in the Referendum.

Please support YOUR Neighbourhood Plan!